

“2007 – Year of the Pig”

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Chinese New Year's is the most celebrated of the Chinese Holidays. February 18, 2007 marks the first day of the Year of the Pig, according to the Chinese lunar calendar, or Farmer's calendar as it is commonly known. This is the beginning of a 15 day celebration. In Chinese tradition, you should wear something new and preferably in red. Red symbolizes happy active energy and is used in combination with gold in decorations and clothing.

There are 12 celestial animals of the Chinese Zodiac each represent one of the 12 years in the Chinese lunar calendar system. The animals are used in a sequence, counting from Year 1,2,3,... up to twelve and then starting over from year one. The order of the celestial animals is Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig. The Pig is the 12th animal in the Chinese Zodiac. Your celestial animal is the Pig if you were born in 1911, 1923, 1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, or 2007.

People born in the year of the Pig are very loyal to their friends, appreciate the finer things in life, are known for their good manners, and enjoy dining. They are most compatible with those born in the year of the Rabbit and Sheep and have a secret friend in those born in the year of the Tiger, which will help to give them support in the good years, and also in challenging times.

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